

DREARY MR. FULBRIGHT

Senator J. William Fulbright is the most muddled, tiresome and ineffective chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee within memory. He chews loudly on a dead bore of appeasement, seeking to sabotage Vietnam policy and drum up isolationism, a thesis globally shattered at Pearl Harbor.

The latest Fulbright fulmination is his woolly proposal that Communist China be admitted to the United Nations with Washington's blessing. This when Peking is the directing power openly supporting Red aggression in South Vietnam!

He offered his suggestion at the same time Secretary of State Rusk was opposing sale of a huge, \$150,000,000 steel mill by West Germany to Communist China.

How accommodating can Fulbright get?

While our troops are dying in a war, backed if not instigated by Mao China, he would reward the foe by international accolade. This is a move for defeat in Vietnam. The Senator is the outstanding quinnik of Congress.

Mr. Fulbright is a self-anointed liberal, who came to the chairmanship of the important Senate committee by virtue of seniority. He keeps on being elected by voters of Arkansas, who aren't much bothered by foreign affairs but cling to the Senator because he is a devout opponent of civil rights. This is liberalism?

The Arkansas solon is a firm disciple of domestic conservatism, as understood in his state. The fact is, Senator Fulbright, for all the Rhodes polish veneered by his Ozark twang, is an outdated conservative on foreign policy.

He believes you can do business with China, just as a coterie 25 years ago argued we could do business with Hitler and Tojo. He resembles the America Firsters, who were all

for staying home, retreating to an "American Gibraltar," abandoning freedom to totalitarian hordes bent on shrinking liberties of the world and defenses of the United States.

Author of a document called "Myths and Realities," Mr. Fulbright utterly confuses his myths with realities. What could be more mythical unrealism than suggesting UN admission for Red China, when Peking has never shown the slightest interest in getting into this "peace" body? Mao would no doubt turn such a proffer down cold.

Senator Fulbright at various times has suggested the United States quit air strikes in North Vietnam; neutralize all Southeast Asia, which would then become a vacuum for Communist China power grabs. He would invite the terrorist Viet Cong to a peace table—though the Cong wants no peace table.

He recommends "major concessions on both sides" in any negotiated Viet settlement. Just give the brigands part of their bloody loot. We would remove all United States military power from Southeast Asia, so China won't worry about us being there. Without our presence, of course, all free states of Asia would become Red dominoes!

Mr. Fulbright's cloudy concept that we can sit down and reason with Communist China is some kind of epitome in nebular conceit. But above all his headline stalking is immensely dreary.

One may perhaps assume the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee is sincere—just a naive meanderer in the world of pragmatic diplomacy.

If he is a thorn in the Administration side with his foreign policy sharpshooting, the Senator is no major irritation. Luckily for the nation, the overwhelming majority of Americans pay little or no attention to him.

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